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Brett B. Lambert joined the Department of Defense (DoD) in 2009 as Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Manufacturing and Industrial Base Policy. Mr. Lambert serves as the principal advisor to the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics on all matters relating to the defense industrial base, including industrial capabilities and assessments; defense industry mergers, acquisitions and consolidation; preservation of essential industries and technologies; and other related matters. In 2011 he was awarded the Secretary of Defense Medal for Outstanding Public Service for work in his current position.



Prior to joining the DoD, Mr. Lambert spent 20 years working with defense and intelligence firms. From 1989 until 2007, Mr. Lambert held positions of increasing responsibility at DFI International, a national security consultancy he built with the founder and which he assisted in selling in 2007.

At the conclusion of his tenure with DFI, Mr. Lambert held the titles of Executive Vice President of DFI International and Managing Director of DFI Investment Partners. He was also the company's ethics officer and served as a member of the board of directors. Mr. Lambert specialized in technology assessments, strategic planning, and market analyses for defense, intelligence, and space companies. His engagements assisted client's identification and quantification of new or evolving markets, described the political and business environments in which they operated, and provided execution guidance to ensure the implementation of successful ventures. Mr. Lambert also worked closely with a number of leading venture funds, merchant banks, and private equity firms in support of their national security portfolio companies.

While with DFI, Mr. Lambert also led the company's work with first-tier defense firms, financial institutions, and private equity organizations in merger and acquisition market advisory services. Throughout his time with DFI, Mr. Lambert was engaged in scores of acquisitions, international joint ventures, offset arrangements, and foreign equity investments representing a wide variety of both buyers and sellers in the national security space.

Before joining DFI, Mr. Lambert worked for the Department of State (USAID) at the American Embassy in New Delhi, India. Prior to this, he attended graduate school at Jawaharlal Nehru University on a Rotary Graduate Scholarship he received during his senior year at Kansas State University. He also worked as an independent journalist in India, Pakistan and Burma. Before his time in Asia, Mr. Lambert served in the Political-Military Group at the Center for Strategic and International Studies.

